

Remarks**Restriction Requirement**

The Office Action indicated that claims 1-30 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Applicant has canceled the claims directed to the non-elected invention. In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects the invention of group 1, namely claims 1-16. Claims directed to the non-elected species, namely claims 17-22 and 23-30 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Further, the Applicant has included new claims 31-40. Claims 31-33 depend from claim 1 and claims 34-40 are similar to the backplane of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant's believe the new claims are directed to elected group 1. Claims 1-16 and 31-40 remain pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of the pending claims.


Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action. Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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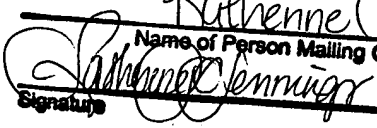
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